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**Evaluating Web Sites Checklist**

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| Use this checklist to decide if the Web sites you are using are likely to give you good information quickly and easily. | | | | j0405980 |
| **Name of Web site** | | |  | | |
| **URL** | | |  | | |
| **Yes** | **No** |  | | | |
| **Can I trust the information on this Web site? (If any are “no”—be careful!)** | | | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Do you know who created the site? Was it made by a group that is known for having information you can trust? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Is the purpose of the site just to provide information or free resources? (They are not trying to sell you something.) | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Is the site free of spelling and grammatical errors? (Lots of errors show that the Web site author(s) aren’t careful—there may be other errors in the information as well.) | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. And most importantly, do the ideas and information on the site seem to be fair and balanced? Do they appear to be honest in the information that they are presenting? | | | |
| **Is the Web site easy to use? And useful for what I need?** (One or two “no’s” just means that you might want to look for a better Web site, but this one could still be useful. Many “no’s” would mean this site is probably not useful for you.) | | | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Is the information on the site interesting and useful? Should children use this site—or is it really written for adults? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Can you understand the words on the page? Are the ideas easy to understand? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Is the site current? Can you find a date on the site (usually on the bottom of the page) that says when it was created, last updated, or last revised? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Does the Web site load quickly? Can you see all the words and pictures quickly instead of waiting a long time? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Are the pictures clear and easy to see? Do they help you understand the subject or topic? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. Do all the links work? Do they take you where they say they will? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. If there are videos or sound files on the site, do they play quickly and easily? Are they useful to your research? | | | |
| j0424466 | j0424468 | 1. And most importantly, did you find what you were looking for? | | | |